

Declaration and Power of Attorney For Patent Application

As below named inventors, We, Debra R. Rolison, Jeffrey W. Long, And Karen S. Lyons, hereby declare that: My residence, post office address and citizenship is as stated below next to my name. I believe we are the original, first, and sole/joint inventors of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled: "**HIGH SURFACE AREA, NANOSCALE, MESOPOROUS MANGANESE OXIDES WITH CONTROLLED SOLID-PORE ARCHITECTURES AND METHOD FOR PRODUCTION THEREOF**" the specification of which:

(check one) [X] is attached hereto. Was filed on October 13, 2000 as,  
Application Serial No. \_\_\_\_\_  
and was amended on \_\_\_\_\_.

I hereby state that we have reviewed and understand the contents of the above identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

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Prior Foreign Applications

Priority Claimed

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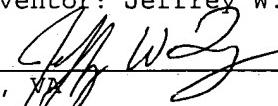
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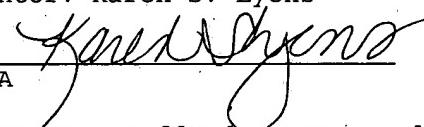
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